

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS07.288

APPLICANT: Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Engineering Division
Ellington Agricultural Center
P.O. Box 40747
Nashville, Tennessee 37204

LOCATION: Champeys Pocket, Grays Camp, Kirby Pocket, Sunset Court, Lovells, and Airpark Inn at Reelfoot Lake in Lake and Obion Counties

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: Reelfoot Lake is a natural, depression wetland that encompasses approximately 25,000 acres of shallow open water and vegetated wetland habitat. Adjacent land use is primarily rural agricultural. Reelfoot Lake has been designated a Class I - Scenic-Recreational Area and also a Wildlife Management Area administered by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. It has been designated an Outstanding National Resource Water by the Tennessee Water Quality Control Board.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The work is associated with the emergency repair of boat ramps due to the extremely low water level of Reelfoot Lake caused by the severe drought. A permit was issued on September 10, 2007 for the emergency work.

The ramps were not designed for these low water levels. Damage to boats and trailers and unsafe launching conditions necessitated emergency action. Where the Commissioner determines an emergency situation exists, a permit for remedial action may be issued without prior public notice and participation. The emergency permit shall be advertised by public notice, however, no later than twenty (20) days after issuance. The remedial actions allowed shall be limited to those necessary to remedy the emergency.

The work involved placing surge stone at the end of the ramps and shaping it to provide a smooth, even surface that can be used to launch boats. The work also involved excavation of sediment and rock from the end of the ramps. In one location a stump was removed.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity would not result in degradation to water quality.

This notice may be viewed at the states website at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Robert Baker

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this**

notice is posted. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying.

The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.





